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Mc Kenzie's Discovery  
Ellicott City  
Private

1890

McKenzie's Discovery faces south at the end of McKenzie Road. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) German siding frame structure built on a stone foundation with square brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls.

Its central rectangular, open bible and cross paneled door is flanked by four side lights decorated with fluted pilasters on each side, all of which is surmounted by an architrave and cornice. The crown molding of the cornice rises in a steep curve of reverse form, and terminates on each side. The central break extends to a pedestal upon which is placed an urn.

A two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) two story high, similar frame north wing extends from the east side of its north wall holding a square brick chimney in its own north wall.

The building is surrounded by a well kept log smokehouse (1830), a log pegged barn (1860), a carriage house (1890) and a three sided stone blacksmith shop converted into a charming residence by a frame addition, which bears a date of 1897 but may be of earlier vintage.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-402  
Dist. 2

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

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McKenzie's Discovery - 1711

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2416 McKenzie Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES, RESTRICTED  
☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Hannon

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2416 McKenzie Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md. 21043**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Tax Map 17, p. 172  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 271

Folio #: 96

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

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21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

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# **7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

McKenzie's Discovery faces east on a gentle slope of ground on the north end of McKenzie Road.

It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), German siding, frame house built on a granite block foundation, with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. A two story high, two bay wide, intersecting gable roof (running north-south), German siding frame north wing off the east side of the north wall forms an "L" plan.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION - The central rectangular, open bible and cross paneled south entrance is flanked by four vertical side lights, separated from the entrance and flanked by fluted pilasters, all of which are surmounted by an architrave and cornice. The crown molding of the cornice rises in a steep curve of reverse form, and terminates on each side. The central break extends to a pedestal upon which is placed an urn.

Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, and holds six-over-six lights.

The east wall of the main body of the house holds a first and second floor, rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights in its north bay with two rectangular, double-hung attic windows which hold four-over-two lights. Two similar attic windows appear also on the west wall.

From the east side of the north wall of the house extends a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof north wing, off whose east wall extends a one story high, shed roofed appendage which was at one time a semi-enclosed porch. Just north of this extension which holds a rectangular entrance flanked by two-two light and six-six light casement windows on the north and south respectively, lies a lower one story high shed roof appendage which holds the rectangular entrance door leading to the furnace room in the basement. Aside from this room located under the kitchen, the foundation allows only crawl space. The east wall's second floor holds two rectangular six-over-six windows, while its north wall holds a square brick central chimney.

It is the pitch of the roof on the east elevation which determined the pitch of the one story north addition's gable roof (which runs north-south) and which was designed to match the pitch of the shed roof over the cellar door. The north wall of this later addition holds a wide exterior brick chimney and rectangular window west of the chimney. The roof line on the west continues down gracefully into a shed roof for the open porch on this west wall.

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A gabled roof (running north-south) log smoke house stands north-east of the property with a batten wood door centered into its south wall. The north wall has been covered with vertical frame siding for protection. West of this smoke house once stood a log house believed to be one of the earliest structures on this tract of land, dating from circa 1817.

West of this complex is still another building whose north, south and west walls measure 20' - 15' and once housed a blacksmith shop. The brick chimney and hearth remain as well as the huge wood and leather bellows. An inscription found on one of its beams notes: "Finnymore Tuck Horse April 1897", which indicates the building was standing at that date but may have been built earlier. Today a gabled roof (running north-south) north wing has been added featuring an octagonal window and shed roof open porch supported by three strong square posts. The middle post is held by two straight brackets and the end posts by one, creating a rustic, barn-like effect.

North of this old blacksmith shop, which has now been created into a charming residence, is found the old log barn. A board on the west side of the roof is inscribed: "Built by Aaron MacKenzie - February 1860". Originally a two story high addition extended west but was removed by the Hannons, leaving the original peg barn very much as it appeared in 1860. It has exceptionally fine proportions, facing south, with its gabled roof (running north-south) and the scalloped barge boards created out of single wooden beams. New wood shingles have been added to the roof in its recent renovation by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hannon. Split chestnut beams are used as a floor for the barn's loft.

Hardware such as hinges and hooks found in the barn were probably made on the property at the blacksmith shop.

Directly west of the Hannon residence lies an out door swimming pool, linked to the house by lovely, well kept grounds. A granite foundation stone is marked 1890, the date the main house was constructed.

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	XARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
X1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1890	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		

"No Less" or Mc Kenzies Discovery is significant architecturally and historically.

Though it's facade has been altered to suit the taste of its owners, (they eliminated the central "A" shaped dormer window and adjusted the central entrance, in addition to removing the front porch along the entire south elevation)the building stands very much as it did in 1890 when it was constructed. It is laid on a granite block foundation, whose stones were cut from the granite quarry on the property. One of these granite blocks holds the date 1890, thus dating the construction of the house. The mortar joining these stones was mixed with mica filled sand from the bed of a small stream. This is not a full basement foundation but a crawl space, except for the furnace room which has interesting arched construction under the kitchen fireplace, a feature usually found in much older houses.

The frame construction of the house consists of ash and chestnut beams, covered with German or "Dutch" siding. The original roof was of wood shingles which have been replaced by a new roof.

The interior of the house features pine floors and a staircase in the central hall constructed of pine treads and chestnut risers, with walnut spindles and a chestnut banister. The staircase leads to an upstairs landing leading into three separate halls by a series of three steps. The original plaster for the walls have cow or horse hair which was added for strength.

The house was completely renovated by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hannon who have added a one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) family room with wide exterior brick chimney. The pitch of its roof line was determined by the shed roof over the cellar door on the east elevation and in no way detracts from the integrity of the original house, but rather is an extension of it.

Not only the house, but the auxiliary buildings are noteworthy. An old peg log barn stands north of the house with a beam inscribed, "Built by Aaron MacKenzie February 1860". Its fine scale and proportions as well as its scalloped barge boards bespeak of the patient craftsmanship of its builders. To quote Mr. and Mrs. Hannon, who

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acquired the property in the 1950's, "The Mc Kenzies must have... found the right method of pegging a beam, driving a nail and fitting a door frame".

The buildings on the property, the main house(1890), the black-smith shop (1897), the logbarn (1860), the log smoke house (1830) and the old carriage house (1890) comprise an unusual assemblage and variety of auxiliary buildings in the best of condition.

Historically, these buildings stand on a tract of land, once a part of two tracts, "Addition to Hobson's Choice" and "Mc Kenzie's Neglect". The property also adjoins Mt. Hebron and is thought to have once been a part of it.

In 1817 Aaron Mc Kenzie purchased the land from Thomas B. Dorsey, of John, and built a log house, which lay west of the log smoke house. The Mc Kenzie family held the property for 83 years until a portion was sold to Susannah O. Keyes in 1900. The remaining land was sold in 1938 to Dolly Madison MacLean.

This latter tract was sold in 1952 to D. Clayton Lucas who sold it to Mr. and Mrs. L. Norman Otto, parents of Mrs. Phillip Hannon, in 1955. Today, the 1890 house stands on a lot cut out of this tract, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hannon.

Architecturally and historically noteworthy to Howard County, this building complex should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and the State Critical Areas Program.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.33 Acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Tax Map 17, p. 172

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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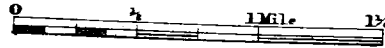
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# HOWARD COUNTY

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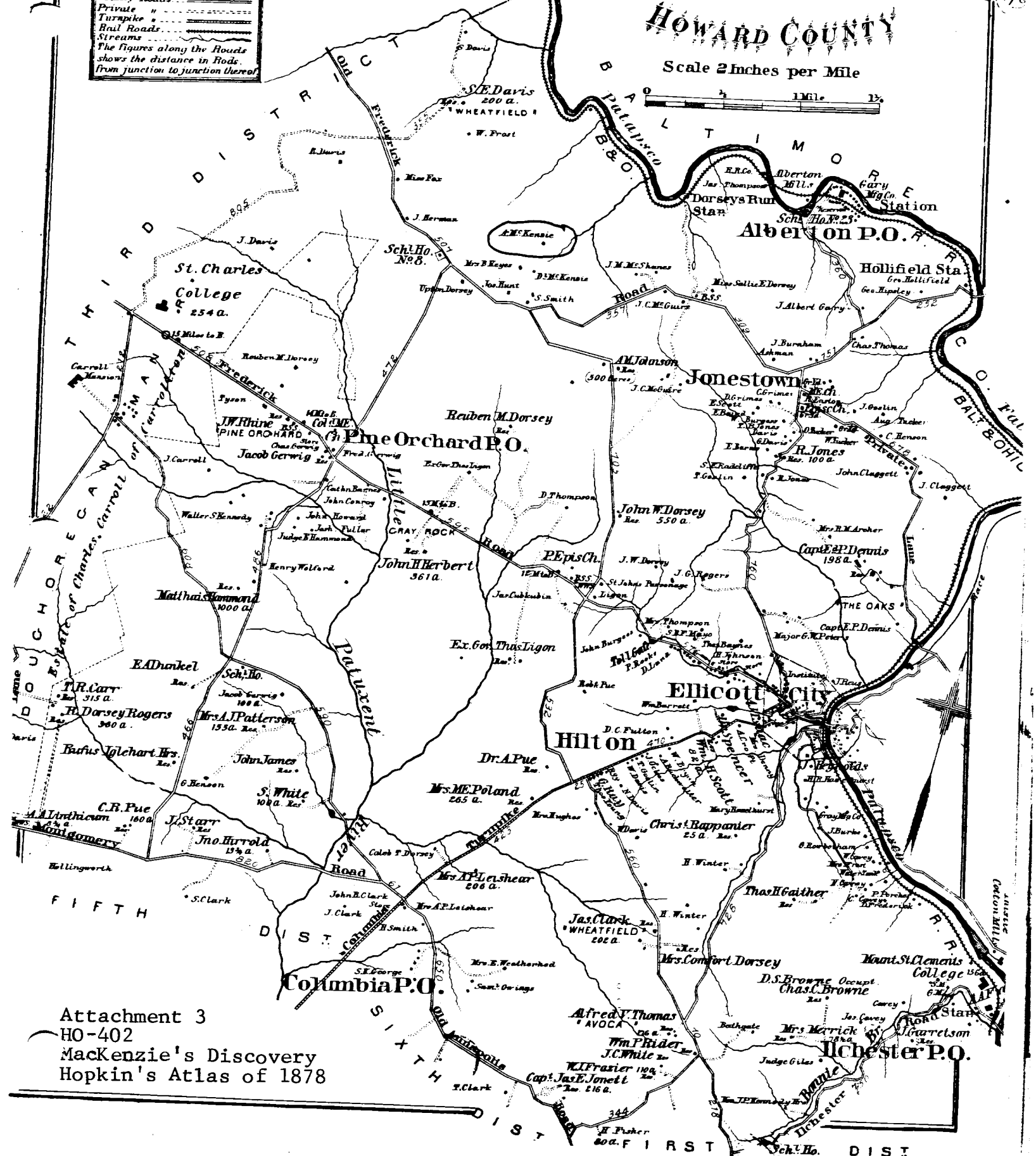
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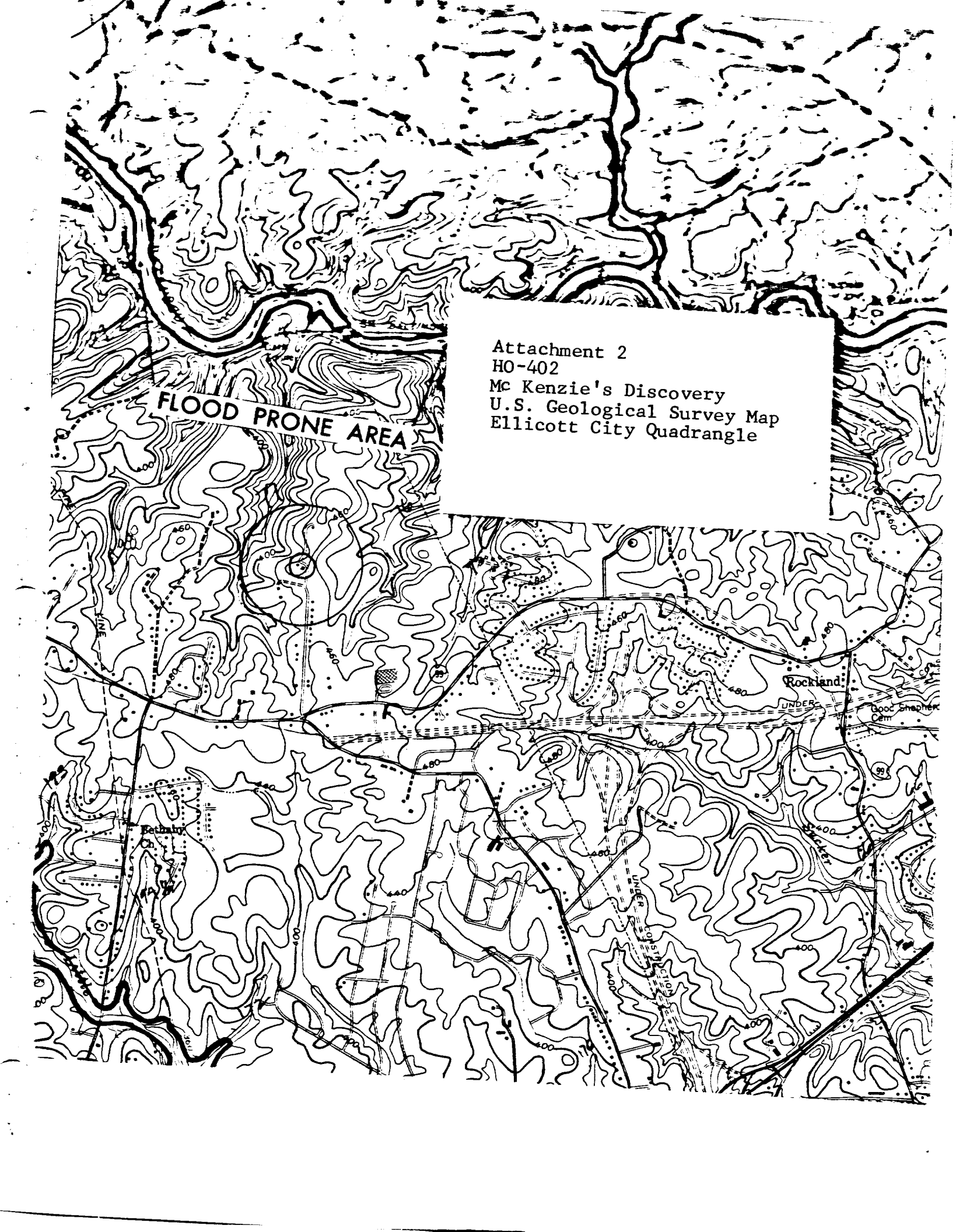
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shows the distance in Rods  
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Attachment 3  
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MacKenzie's Discovery  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

A black and white topographic map showing a flood-prone area. The map features contour lines, a river, and various geographical features. A specific area is outlined and labeled 'FLOOD PRONE AREA'. A white rectangular box is placed over the map, containing text identifying the map as 'Attachment 2', 'HO-402', 'Mc Kenzie's Discovery', 'U.S. Geological Survey Map', and 'Ellicott City Quadrangle'. Other labels on the map include 'Rockland', 'UNDER', '1000', '900', '800', '700', '600', '500', '400', '300', '200', '100', '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '10', '11', '12', '13', '14', '15', '16', '17', '18', '19', '20', '21', '22', '23', '24', '25', '26', '27', '28', '29', '30', '31', '32', '33', '34', '35', '36', '37', '38', '39', '40', '41', '42', '43', '44', '45', '46', '47', '48', '49', '50', '51', '52', '53', '54', '55', '56', '57', '58', '59', '60', '61', '62', '63', '64', '65', '66', '67', '68', '69', '70', '71', '72', '73', '74', '75', '76', '77', '78', '79', '80', '81', '82', '83', '84', '85', '86', '87', '88', '89', '90', '91', '92', '93', '94', '95', '96', '97', '98', '99', '100'.

Attachment 2

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Mc Kenzie's Discovery

U.S. Geological Survey Map

Ellicott City Quadrangle

FLOOD PRONE AREA

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